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0.01% by weight, based on the weight of the suspension, of a
water-soluble surfactant or of a water-soluble polymeric
protective colloid.

REMARKS

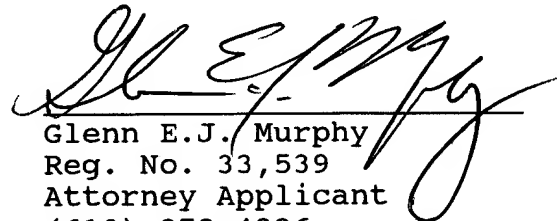
Claims 1-7 have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 8-14 added. The subject matter of the new claims is described in the specification at page 3, line 32 to page 4, line 12, page 7, line 19, to page 8, line 4, page 8, lines 17-26, and page 10, lines 4-9, as well as in the claims as originally filed. The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to related applications and headings appropriate to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

The new claims better claim the full literal and equivalent scope and breadth of subject matter disclosed in the application, notwithstanding applicants' belief that the original claims, drafted for examination in the German and European Patent Offices, would have been allowable but for minor matters of form permitted in German or European practice but objected to in the U.S.P.T.O. The new claims find support in the application independent of the original claims and therefore are not believed to constitute narrowing amendments to the original claims within the holding of Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., No. 95-1066 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).

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Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment
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